



Morning Highlights

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Wildland Fire and Smoke Update

11 new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Wednesday including three small, human caused fires on the Tongass National Forest, two of which are now out and one which was contained. Two of the reported fires were determined to be false alarms. Four small human caused fires were reported in the Mat-Su Area, three of which are now out and one is contained and being monitored.

Two fires were reported in the Fairbanks Area, one caused by a fallen power line which was contained, and one caused by lightning 20 miles southwest of Fairbanks. Air Tankers responded with retardant drops which helped slow the fires spread. The fire has 46 firefighters assigned to it including the Delta #2 Type 2 crew.

As of 9 am Thursday, the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center had tallied 374 fires and 678,118.2 acres burned this year. At this time last year, 298 fires had burned 42,796 acres.

71 fires are active across Alaska and 12 fires are staffed with firefighters (or will be).

Fire Name	Acreage	Fire Personnel
Rock Slough Fire	10,723.1 acres	138 personnel
		Gannet Glacier Type 2IA crew
		Midnight Sun Type 1 crew
		North Star Type 2 crew
		Venetie #1 Type 2 crew
		Ft. Yukon #2 Type 2 crew
Bear Creek Fire	32,546 acres	22 personnel
		Chena Type 1 crew
Zitziana Fire	30,335 acres	37 personnel
		Pioneer Peak Type 1 crew

Fire Name	Acreage	Fire Personnel
Minto Flats South Fire	133,887 acres	186 personnel
		Alaska Type 2 Incident Mgt. Team
		Boise Hotshots
		Bonneville Hotshots
		Idaho City Hotshots
		Sawtooth Hotshots
		Snake River Hotshots
		Fairbanks #1 Type 2 crew
Foxhole	2 acres	20 personnel
		Delta #2 Type 2 crew
		Fairbanks #3 Type 2 crew
Chakina Fire	6,138 acres	10 personnel
Lunch Lake Fire	4,430 acres	76 personnel
Winter Trail Fire	2,310 acres	37 personnel
		Upper Kalskag Type 2 crew
		Yukon Type 2IA crew
Logging Slash	75 acres	46 personnel
		Delta #2 Type 2 crew
Eagle Creek 2	750 acres	2 personnel
Big River	14,501 acres	7 personnel
Shanta Creek	5,000 acres	National Incident management Organization ordered
Large Fires > 10,000 ac.	Mapped Acreage	These fires are not staffed
Sheenjek	12,289 acres	being monitored
Little Black One	99,063.1 acres	being monitored
Allman Lake	17,856 acres	being monitored
Franklin Creek	19,984 acres	being monitored
Dillinger	30,120 acres	being monitored
Susulatna	16,386 acres	being monitored
Broken Snowshoe	25,345 acres	being monitored
Tonclonukna Creek	73,837 acres	being monitored

For updated information about the Minto Flats South Fire, call the Fire Information Office in Nenana at 907-832-1097 or 1838. Additional information about the fire is being posted at: www.inciweb.org.

A cooling weather front accompanied by thunderstorms and rain showers moved across much of Alaska Wednesday afternoon and evening which provided a brief respite from wildfire smoke. Warmer weather and lower humidity's are expected to return by the weekend and fire activity and persistent smoke is expected to remain over many areas of Alaska for some time until the weather pattern changes. To learn about protecting yourself from smoke, visit:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>

For daily fire information, please visit

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf> and for a map of fire locations, click on "Fire Information" at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>

Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
 - National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
 - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK:
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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